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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: UNSSOD CONSULTATIONS WITH ROMANIA: DEPFONMIN FLIGA
SCHEDULING REQUESTS
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1. SUMMARY. MFA IO DIRECTORATE ANNOUNCES THAT ROMANIAN SIDE IN CONSULTATIONS WITH MAYNES AND WEILER WILL BE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER VASILE GLIGA AND MFA IO DIRECTOR ROMULUS NEAGU, AND REQUESTS THAT CONSULTATIONS BEGIN MARCH 15 AFTER RPT AFTER LUNCH, POSSIBILITY CONTINUING NEXT DAY, AND THAT APPOINTMENT FOR GLIGA WITH COUNSELOR NIMETZ BE ARRANGED FOR MORNING MARCH 17, PRIOR FORMER'S DEPARTURE FOR NY THAT AFTERNOON. GLIGA WILL NO DOUBT WISH TO DISCUSS ASPECTS OF CEAUSESCU VISIT WITH COUNSELOR. REQUEST ASAP REPLIES ON REQUESTED SCHEDULING. MFA REP ALSO OFFERED PERSONAL COMMENTS ON PREPCOM IV RESULTS AND PREPCOM V PROSPECTS. END SUMMARY.

2. DCM AND ACTING POL COUNSELOR MET MARCH 9 WITH MFA IO DIRECTORATE COUNSELOR DUMITRU CEAUSU AND ASSISTANT AURELIAN CRETU TO DISCUSS MARCH 15 CONSULTATIONS. ON BEHALF OF ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER VASILE GLIGA, CEAUSU ANNOUNCED THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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GLIGA HIMSELF AND MFA IO DIRECTOR ROMULUS NEAGU WOULD BE ROMANIAN PARTICIPANTS IN CONSULTATIONS. THEY PLAN TO ARRIVE EVENING MARCH 14, AND REQUEST CONSULTATIONS BEGIN MARCH 15 AFTER LUNCH, WITH POSSIBILITY OF RUNNING OVER INTO MORNING OF MARCH 16. IN ADDITION, GLIGA REQUESTS APPOINTMENT WITH DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR NIMETZ, PREFERABLY MORNING OF MARCH 17 BEFORE HIS OWN AFTERNOON DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK, WHERE HE WILL

BE CONSULTING WITH PERMEP DATCU ON LAW OF SEA, OLD FAVORITE OF HIS, AS WELL AS UNSSOD PREPARATIONS.

3. DECISION TO SEND GLIGA PRESUMABLY MEANS EITHER THAT FONMIN MACOVESCU WILL HAVE RETURNED FROM POST-OPERATIVE CONVALESCENCE TO LEADERSHIP OF MINISTRY BY MARCH 15 OR THAT NEWLY APPOINTED STATE SECRETARY ILIE RADULESCU WILL HAVE RUN IN ENOUGH TO TAKE OVER BY THEN; WE SUSPECT FORMER.

4. ON UNSSOD MATTERS, CEAUSU SAID HE WAS NOT PREPARED WITH POSITIONS WHICH GLIGA HIMSELF WOULD OPERATE FROM IN CONSULTATIONS WITH MAYNES AND WEILER, BUT WAS WILLING TO OFFER "PERSONAL" RPT "PERSONAL" VIEWS ON PREPCOM IV RESULT AND PREPCOM V PROSPECTS ALONG FOLLOWING LINES.

5. ON PREPCOM IV RESULTS, CEAUSU SAID GOR CONSIDERED THEM LIMITED AND MODEST, SINCE DOCUMENT AMOUNTS TO LITTLE MORE THAN STATEMENT OF DIVERGENT VIEWS. GOR DEL HAD BEEN SURPRISED AT RESISTANCE TO COMPROMISE, UNWILLINGNESS OF "SOME DELEGATIONS" TO MAKE PROPOSALS OF THEIR OWN, AND TENDENCY TO RELEGATE MACHINERY QUESTIONS WHICH GOR CONSIDERS "ABSOLUTELY CRUCIAL" TO TAIL END OF DISCUSSIONS.

6. AS GOR SEES IT, CEAUSU WENT ON, SPECIAL SESSION MUST REACH DECISION ON CONCRETE FORWARD STEPS IN DISARMAMENT FIELD, OR IT WILL HAVE FAILED, AND PREPCOM CANNOT SIMPLY

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LEAVE ALL DECISION TO SESSION ITSELF; IT MUST PREPARE WAY FOR THOSE DECISIONS. EXAMPLE WAS HELSINKI, WHERE DOCUMENTS HAD BEEN AGREED BEFORE CHIEFS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT ARRIVED TO MAKE THEIR SPEECHES. (CLEAR IMPLICATION WAS THAT GOR WOULD LIKE CEAUSESCU TO ATTEND SESSION WITH OTHER CHIEFS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT, BUT IT WAS NOT SPELLED OUT.) WHEN PREPCOM V OBJECTIVE WAS DEFINED AS NARROWING DIFFERENCES IN CURRENT DOCUMENT, CEAUSU CONSEQUENTLY AGREED, BUT INSISTED PREPCOM V SHOULD GO FURTHER AND FORMULATE DECISIONS. GOR DEL WILL BE LED BY PREMREP DATCU, AND HE WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE; IF HE NEEDS INSTRUCTIONS, HE CAN GET THEM FAST.

7. ON PRINCIPLES, CEAUSU SAID GOR BELIEVES THEY HAVE DIRECTIVE CHARACTER IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, AND THUS THAT THEY ARE AS IMPORTANT AS PROGRAM OF ACTION IN UNSSOD CONTEXT. GOR DEL

AT PREPCOM IV HAD BEEN DISAPPOINTED BY TENDENCY OF "SOME OTHER DELEGATIONS" TO FIGHT AGAINST PRINCIPLES PROPOSED BY OTHERS, SINCE MOST PRINCIPLES ARE IN FACT COMPLEMENTARY RATHER THAN CONTRADICTORY. WHEN DCM ALLUDED TO GENERAL GOR TENDENCY TO SEEK STATEMENTS OF PRINCIPLE EVEN AT SOME COST TO PRACTICAL

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RESULTS, HOWEVER, CEAUSU REMONSTRATED THAT HISTORY OF
ROMANIAN PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
SHOWS THAT ROMANIAN ATTACHMENT TO PRINCIPLES HAS NEVER BEEN
THE OBSTACLE TO CONCLUSION OF USEFUL AGREEMENTS, AND
CONDUCT OF GOR DEL AT BELGRADE HAS DEMONSTRATED THIS AGAIN.

8. ON PROGRAM OF ACTION, CEAUSU SAID INTERNAL GOR PROCESS
OF DECIDING WHICH PROPOSALS GOR MUST STICK BY AND WHICH CAN
BE DROPPED ON PATH TO AGREEMENT HAS NOT YET BEGUN.

9. ON MACHINERY, CEAUSU SAID GOR HAS NOT YET TAKEN POSITION
WITH REGARD TO INDIAN PROPOSAL FOR NEW UN DELIVERATIVE BODY
TO DEVELOPMENT DISARMAMENT PROGRAM BY 35TH UNGA IN 1980,
BUT "HE HIMSELF" WAS MOST RETICENT ABOUT IT, SINCE GOR
BELIEVES UNSSOD SHOULD DEVELOP SUCH A PROGRAM, AND ACCEPTANCE
OF INDIAN PROPOSAL WOULD AMOUNT TO DEFERRING THIS WORK.
ASKED ABOUT FRENCH PROPOSAL TO MAKE FIRST COMMITTEE UN DELI-
BERATIVE BODY ON DISARMAMENT, CEAUSU SAID ROMANIAN POSITION
"COINCIDES" WITH FRENCH, AND THAT THIS OPINION IS ALSO PRACTICAL,
SINCE IN FACT MORE AND MORE FIRST COMMITTEE SESSIONS HAVE
DISCUSSED SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT. ASKED WHAT EFFECT THIS
WOULD HAVE ON CCD, HE SAID HE "PERSONALLY" ENVISAGED A DIVI-

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SION OF LABOR, WHEREBY FIRST COMMITTEE WOULD BE DELIBERATIVE BODY, FORUM FOR DISCUSSION AND SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS, WHICH WOULD MANDATE CCD TO UNDERTAKE ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS IN MORE LIMITED AREAS.

10. ACTION REQUESTED: RESPONSE TO GLIGA'S REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT WITH COUNSELOR MORNING OF MARCH 17 AND SUGGESTED THAT UNSSOD CONSULTATIONS BEGIN MARCH 15 AFTER LUNCH, WITH OPTION TO RUN OVER INTO MORNING OF MARCH 16. SINCE GLIGA WILL ALSO BE IN POSITION TO DISCUSS CEAUSESCU VISIT WITH COUNSELOR MARCH 17, POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST COULD BE VERY USEFUL. IF POSSIBLE, REQUEST RESPONSE BY NIACT IMMEDIATE CABLE IN TIME FOR AMBASSADOR TO INFORM GLIGA DURING SCHEDULED MEETING SATURDAY MARCH 11 AT 10:00 A.S. BUCHAREST.

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